

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2005. In that Office Action, Claims 1, 2, and 11-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Pat. No. 6,281,568 to Glenn, et. al. (hereinafter "GLENN"). Furthermore, Claims 6 and 15 were objected to on the basis of being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claims 7-10 and 16-20 were considered allowable over the prior art of record, which Applicant gratefully acknowledges.

In particular, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 2, and 11-13 reasoning that the recessed region essentially defined by third surface 33 in GLENN, which is disposed between first surface 31 and second surface 32, is characteristic of a groove. The Examiner concluded that the feature of a "groove including a third surface" in independent Claims 1 and 11 was obvious in view of the third surface 33 feature in GLENN.

GLENN Does Not Qualify as Prior Art Under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c)(1)

Further to the telephonic discussion between Applicant's representative and Examiner Clark regarding the substance of the outstanding Section 103(a) rejection based on GLENN, Applicant respectfully submits that GLENN, relied upon by the Examiner to support the Section 103(a) rejection of independent Claims 1, 2 and 11-13, does not qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. §103(c)(1). As indicated on the face of GLENN, U.S. Patent No. 6,281,568 has previously been assigned to Amkor Technology, Inc. The present application has also been assigned to Amkor Technology, Inc. GLENN, which issued on August 28, 2001, is based on an Serial No. 09/176,614 filed October 21, 1998. The present application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 26, 2001, approximately four (4) months prior to the issuance of GLENN. Thus, since it appears that GLENN qualifies as prior art only under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), the same should not preclude the patentability of Claims 1, 2 and 11-13 pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(c)(1) since both GLENN and the present application were, at the time the claimed invention was made, subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person. Additionally, it should be noted that there is no commonality of inventorship between GLENN and the present application.

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On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the stated grounds of rejection have been overcome, and that Claims 1, 2, 6-13 and 16-22 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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